

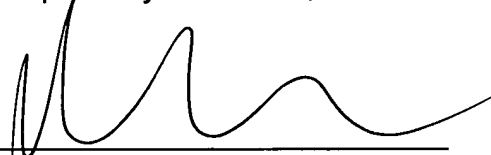
REMARKS:

Claims 3, 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements. Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mitchell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,799,273). Claim 15 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, and 13 have been amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph rejections.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 7, 8, and 14 are allowed.

The applicants submit that the claims, as they now stand, fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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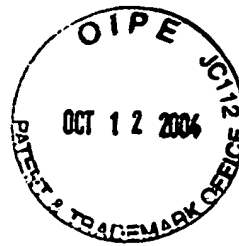
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